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District No. 1 Commissioner: Phil Johnson
District No. 2 Commissioner: David W. Sullivan
District No. 3 Commissioner: John Austin

County Administrator: Philip Morley
Clerk of the Board: Lorna Delaney

MINUTES
Week of May 17, 2010

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Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at the appointed time in the presence of Commissioner John Austin. Commissioner Phil Johnson was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen believes that the 1992 administrative rules regarding non-conforming use were never formally adopted by the Commissioners; a citizen feels that the 150' setback established by the Commissioners in the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) will result in many lawsuits against the County and he suggested that the a 50' setback as proposed by the Planning Commission be used until the next SMP update is required; a citizen thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to video their meetings which has helped him to build connections with others; a citizen submitted and reviewed an economic development report dated September 2008 by Dr. Elliot Eisenberg of the National Association of Home Builders; a citizen questioned why the County, City and Port are contracting to hire an economist for \$30,000 to do economic development planning when WSU/Team Jefferson is already being paid to provide that service; a citizen reviewed Social Security funding statistics and talked about the poor economy which he believes is going to get worse and needs to be addressed by the County; a citizen feels that Commissioner Austin's support and nomination of John Fabian for the People of Puget Sound Golden Oyster Award is considered actively opposing a judicial application before Jefferson County; a citizen feels that the presentation given last week by representatives of the Jefferson Equestrian Association was a one-sided sales pitch and he believes the Commissioners are giving special treatment to this special interest group.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Austin moved to delete item #2 and approve the remaining items on the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. **HEARING NOTICE** re: 2010 Conservation Futures Funding Program Applications; Hearing Scheduled for June 14, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse
2. **DELETED: AGREEMENT** re: 2010 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Funding; Port Hadlock Chamber of Commerce (Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce)
3. **AGREEMENT NO. 1610-01** re: Rural Arterial Program, Dosewallips Road Emergency Repair; Jefferson County Public Works; Washington State County Road Administration Board (CRAB)
4. **AGREEMENT** re: Legislative Liaison Services to Pursue Road Management Resources for Upper Hoh Road; Jefferson County Public Works; Strategies 360, Inc.
5. **Advisory Board Resignations (2); Jefferson County Board of Equalization; William Marlow and Richard Broders**



6. Advisory Board Reappointment; Jefferson County Board of Equalization; Three (3) Year Term Expires May 11, 2013; Dave Garing
7. Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated May 10, 2010 Totaling \$457,040.43
8. Payment of Jefferson County A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated May 5, 2010 Totaling \$627,567.88 and Dated May 6, 2010 Totaling \$109,254.75

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners and County Administrator reported as follows:

Commissioner Austin:

- Noted that there will be six cruise ships visiting our area this year which will promote tourism and support the local economy.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Attended a ceremony honoring William Marlow and Richard Broders who have resigned from the Board of Equalization after 18 years of service.
- Phase 4 of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 17 is proceeding, however, the vision of the Legislature is unknown after funding for this phase runs out.

County Administrator Morley:

- Quarterly meetings with the Commissioners and other Elected Officials will begin next Monday, May 24, 2010 at noon in the Commissioners Chambers.
- The next Community Input Workshop will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gardiner Community Center.
- Next week there will be a continued briefing on the proposed Equestrian Events Center and Park agreement.
- The City and Port have both endorsed the joint economic development planning agreement in conjunction with Team Jefferson and supplemented by consultant Eric Hovee & Associates. The agreement will be brought to the Board for consideration next week.
- There has been some inter-jurisdictional discussion about forming a youth initiative to insure that various communities in east Jefferson County are welcoming to kids and families with children.
- There has been communication with JeffCom and the City regarding an agreement to locate a communications tower at the City's water reservoir site to enhance emergency communication in the area.

HEARING re: 2010 Non-Motorized Transportation and Recreational Trails Plan: Project Manager Jim Pearson stated that this plan was adopted in 2002 and addresses non-motorized transportation as well as recreational trails, parks and water access sites. The 2010 update of the plan addresses the non-motorized transportation element only and must be completed by June 15, 2010. Specifically, chapter 1, Introduction and chapter 11, Capital Improvement Program (2010), have been completely rewritten. Updates have been inserted at the beginning of other chapters and changes have been made to chapter 5 dealing with public demand and chapter 6 dealing with finance. Principals and goals relating to active transportation and street projects have also been added to the plan. There is also a table which lists each project and the funding source.



County Administrator asked for clarification on the capital improvement program outlined in chapter 11 and asked if it gets incorporated into to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program? Mr. Pearson answered that most of the projects are already included in Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and this plan is implemented through that program. Engineer III Josh Peters noted that the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program will be presented for review and adoption this fall and will include the projects outlined in the 2010 Non-Motorized Transportation and Recreational Trails Plan. He noted that those plans will also be integrated with the County's Comprehensive Plan. County Engineer Monte Reinders added that the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program is adopted annually because changes occur. The Non-Motorized Transportation and Recreational Trails Plan is required to be updated every six years in order to be eligible for grant funding.

Commissioner Austin asked about updating the information in the plan such as the current use of the Mountain View facility. Mr. Pearson responded that there is a balance between the detail of information and purpose for which it used. The problem with detailed information is that it can become out-of-date rather quickly. The purpose of the plan is to provide non-motorized transportation facilities. At that level it is important to know what transportation system people use to get to Jefferson County such as ferries, so that non-motorized transportation can be connected to those systems. Detailed information about the ferries changes often and may not be pertinent to the overall plan. By not including detail information in the plan it is less likely that it will become outdated quickly.

Chairman Sullivan opened the hearing for public testimony:

Steve Oakford, Port Townsend, stated that the building in which he lives is located adjacent to a very pleasant trail which runs down behind the San Juan Commons. He has discovered that the trails start and stop and require people to use public walkways and side walks between access to the trail. There are signs in some places and no signs in other places. Signage needs to be uniform because many people discover a trail before they get a brochure that has a map on it. The issue of signage needs to be addressed as well as the issue of ADA accessibility for individuals with special needs. There are a number of people that live in the same building where he lives that use electric scooters and wheelchairs and they won't use the trail because it says non-motorized and they think it applies to them. The plan needs to list the motorized exceptions for those with special needs. It should also specify a speed limit. Many of the scooters will go as fast as 12 miles per hour, so there should be a posted speed limit of 5 miles per hour. This will make the trail accessible and yet keep it from being used as a race track. He has not had a chance to read the plan so he does not know whether these issues have been addressed or not.

Tom Thiersch, Jefferson County, stated that some of the statistics and facts cited in the report are incorrect. Mountain View no longer exists as a school. The Port Townsend school population is now 20- 25% less than it was when the report was first established, down from 1,600 to almost 1,200. This highlights the need to update the strategy of how this report is put together so that it doesn't become obsolete so quickly. If the number of students is not relevant then don't put it in the report at all. If that number is relevant for the purposes of grant funding then update the numbers and find a way to keep them accurate. Otherwise, the County will be applying for grants based on false or inaccurate information which is not a good thing.



Another point about Mountain View is that the facility has been re-purposed and now houses the police department and other agencies which is useful and valuable information for non-motorized transportation purposes. He noted that the Mountain View facility, schools and other facilities are located within the city limits. He questioned the City's role in this plan and asked why responsibility for it is solely placed on the County? Why isn't the City helping to pick up the burden and paying for it out of their road fund? Let's do some proper sharing of the costs as well as the benefits.

Norm McCloud, Port Townsend, stated that he provided an easement for the Larry Scott Trail. Last year the trail received federal designation as a "National Scenic trail" as part of the national trail system. That fact should be in this plan. If an extension is needed to get it into the plan then we really need to be certain about what it means in terms of opportunities, constraints, and expectations with regard to relationships with property owners who have easements. It needs to be determined how this fits into the picture of non-motorized transportation in Jefferson County. The national designation is due to the access points to the Olympic Peninsula which run through Jefferson County by default. He believes this is an important factor that needs to be included in the plan. When the designation was announced in the media he asked County officials what they knew about it, and it was a surprise to them. Does this designation mean more than just additional signage? Are there benefits or liabilities? We need to understand this. Not only is this a significant addition to the concept of trails, but, there needs to be something in the County planning documents about this relationship and where we go for additional information.

Andrew Redding, Port Townsend, stated that he is a member of the Jefferson County Planning Commission and the Chair of the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board. There is a parallel process taking place where the City is also revising its non-motorized transportation plan. In fact, none of the expenditures within the City are handled out of County funds for this purpose. The County's plan is beyond the City limits. He commended the Board doing this plan which is very important and timely. He also commended staff for the change in emphasis away from recreation. Recreation is still a component, but, it is good to recognize that this is more than just recreation. As we look forward, it is going to be more about regular transportation. Non-motorized transportation is going to become a bigger part of the mix as it has in other places. It is beginning to happen here and it is inevitable. Gasoline is now roughly \$3.00 per gallon. Looking 5 or 6 years into the future he can guarantee that gasoline prices will be more than \$4.00 per gallon. The question is will it be \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 or \$10.00 per gallon? We don't know. We do know with certainty that it will be significantly more than it is now. Whatever the case, it is going to dramatically change the economics of everything. Not just in the choices that people make about whether to drive or use other modes of transportation, but, also because the cost of asphalt for paving roads is going to become enormously more expensive. One of the things to think about in preparing the overall transportation plan is to be careful to not put too much into roads that in the future we are not going to be able to pay for or maintain. On the other hand, think about the fact that as budgets are affected by the realities of the changing economics of oil, there is going to be a big shift toward non-motorized transportation. It is very important to keep in mind that modes of non-motorized transportation need to be kept as direct as possible and as near grade as possible to insure maximum accessibility for all individuals including those with ADA requirements. The Larry Scott Trail zig zags which is not very good for transportation purposes.

Peter Lauretson, Port Townsend, stated that he represents the Transportation Lab which is a citizens group concerned with promoting alternative transportation in the County. His group also welcomes this plan and the new emphasis on non-motorized transportation. He is amazed at what the County is planning to do with its limited funds. There needs to be a stronger emphasis in the plan on the transportation component.



Particularly with regard to bicycling and walking which are the modes that apply themselves more directly to transportation. They are very concerned about a time when less oil is available and when greenhouse reduction mandates become important. We have to start promoting and making it possible for people to use alternative transportation. He would like to see the transportation component connected with the climate change and greenhouse gas reduction plans. Transportation is a major component for Jefferson County of greenhouse gas emissions. There also needs to be connectivity between neighborhoods. There are many neighborhoods in Jefferson County, for example Kala Point and the Woodland Hills neighborhood, which are not connected at all by trails. There is no way to go to your neighbors house without driving 2 or 3 miles to get there. There needs to be trails that connect. The City of Port Townsend has been very creative using neighborhood work parties and volunteers to build trails. Connectivity between neighborhoods should be a part of the plan. Other examples are the communities in Cape George where there is no connectivity. Addressing these issues is cheap and does not require deep pockets. Safety is another area of concern. There is a safety hazard along the Larry Scott Trail where it goes under State Highway 20 and people try to get to Otto Street by walking the wrong direction on the Highway shoulder. There needs to be some way to find access at the Glen Cove Road intersection so people can get to Otto Street safely. He would also like the County to promote bicycle transportation in the corridor between the Tri Area, Glen Cove and Port Townsend. Bicycling along the highway is unpleasant and there are many connecting roads that could offer an alternative route.

David McCullough, Port Townsend, stated that there needs to be balance in the transportation system. Non-motorized users consist of kids, mothers and people who are comfortable riding on our roadways, so it is a challenging task to meet all their needs. Citizens can benefit from the County overlapping its motorized transportation plan with its non-motorized transportation plan by providing similar facilities. He encouraged the County to work with the State Department of Transportation on this plan. Often what happens for cyclists who are using the roads is that safety improvements are put in place for motorists and safe access for cyclists is eliminated. The changes to the road which cause a problem for bicyclists include shoulder rumble strips, and removal of shoulders completely for the creation of left turn lanes. He looks to the County to maintain existing facilities in the concept of accessibility for cyclists. We have many long distance touring cyclists that come through our County and bring tourism dollars. There are neighboring county visitors that come to Jefferson County because we have a wonderful place to ride. Many cyclists come from Kitsap County to use the roads on the Coyle Peninsula. The Rhody tour occurred at the first of this month and the majority of the riders came from outside Jefferson County and they spent money to stay here for its natural beauty and cycling opportunities. Our youth is an important part of our community. With the rise of obesity and lack of exercise opportunities, partnerships are being created with the trails program local neighborhood connectivity, the City and the school districts. Developing education programs and facilities to get kids back and forth from their homes to school are paramount.

Owen Fairbank, Port Townsend, expressed his appreciation for the County going through this process and for the work that has been done on the plan. He was glad to hear that the non-motorized transportation plan, the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and the Comprehensive plan will be integrated because he feels it is important that all these elements be put together and that transportation planning be included in land use planning.



Mr. Pearson explained that this is the County's plan and none of the facilities or policies included in the plan apply to the City. Staff will review the comment about the Larry Scott Trail being designated as a National Scenic Trail for possible insertion into the plan.

Mr. Peters explained the trail designation process and reported that the County has not received any formal communication regarding such a designation.

Norm McCloud, Port Townsend, stated that there is a federal process called "Coordinations" which is a formal process that was written in the 1974 Public Lands Act where the County, as a government entity, can request coordination of this process and be at the table from the beginning so that the County can closely integrate into its planning without having any further surprises along the way. They would be required by law to include the County in that process as an integrated part of the process.

Commissioner Austin asked if the plan addresses the nexus or interface between bicyclists and buses? Mr. Pearson responded that the goals in chapter 8 address walking and bicycling as transportation modes. Connecting those modes with transit buses helps to achieve goals by reducing traffic, fuel use, and climate change. It also provides a more efficient transportation system for people who do not or choose not to drive.

Chairman Sullivan asked about including language to explain the process and cooperative efforts needed to create trails between private communities? Mr. Pearson replied that the way some private communities are platted can make it difficult to get trail connections. The City has been successful with older plats where roads have not been developed and they have used those rights-of-way to construct the community connector trails. The County could do similar trails in the Irondale/Port Hadlock area or other older platted areas. The problem in some places such as Kala Point, is that the communities, the lots, and rights-of-way were developed in a manner where the only access is by roads.

Hearing no further comments for or against the 2010 Non-Motorized Transportation and Recreational Trails Plan, Chairman Sullivan closed the hearing. The Board concurred to extend the comment period deadline until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. The plan will be brought back to the Board for review and possible adoption on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Hearing Notice re: Lease of a Portion of the Port Townsend Recreation Center to a Child Care Service: County Administrator Philip Morley stated that Parks and Recreation Manager Matt Tyler gave a briefing to the Board last fall about the possibility of leasing a portion of the Port Townsend Recreation Center for child care service. The Board is being asked to make a decision about whether or not the County should proceed with the option to lease the property. If the Board decides to proceed with a lease then the County must follow State and County regulations which require a public hearing as well as the use of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to find a bid that is to the best advantage to the County. A draft hearing notice was presented for consideration.

Commissioner Austin moved to proceed with leasing a portion of the Port Townsend Recreation Center for the provision of child care service and approve the hearing notice setting a public hearing for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Board of Equalization Interviews: The Board interviewed Sally Shumaker and Michael Hinojos for possible appointment to the Board of Equalization. A decision will be made after references have been reviewed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING SESSION: County Administrator Philip Morley reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

- Calendar Coordination
 - West End Community Input Workshop
 - WSAC meeting and Timber meeting
 - Environmental Health Committee of Washington State Board of Health meeting
 - Joint Economic Development Planning agreement
- Miscellaneous Topics
 - Board of Equalization applicants reference research
 - Port Townsend Fire Service Levy

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:

David Sullivan, Chair

(Excused Absence)

ATTEST:

Phil Johnson, Member

Erin Lundgren, Deputy
Clerk of the Board

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MINUTES
Week of May 24, 2010

Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at the appointed time in the presence of Commissioner Phil Johnson and Commissioner John Austin.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen asked the Board to support the Hood Canal Regional Septic Loan Program; asked the Board to write a letter to the State Department of Natural Resources in support of the removal of creosote pilings from Port Ludlow Bay; three (3) citizens commented on timelines and vesting issues regarding recently adopted legislation as it relates to regulations outlined in the Jefferson County Code; a citizen stated that the 150' setback proposed in the Shoreline Master Program is not supported by science and will devalue shoreline property by preventing individuals from being able to build; a citizen believes that the Quilcene Community Center and closed park facilities in Quilcene could be used to stimulate the local economy; a citizen feels that the public records request he submitted should not take 30 to 60 days to fulfill and he stated that if necessary, he will seek redress from the Court; a citizen commented on the national and local declining economic situation; a citizen expressed his frustration with dealing with the County and with the lack of justice in court rulings, and stated that the Board needs to solve the economic problem by supporting existing businesses.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Austin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

1. **HEARING NOTICE** re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Only Grant Application; Hearing Scheduled for June 7, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse (Hearing Rescheduled to June 21, 2010)
2. **CALL FOR BIDS** re: Larry Scott Memorial Trail, Project No. CR1069; Bids Accepted Until 9:45 a.m. and Opened and Read Publicly at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010 in the Commissioners' Chamber
3. **AGREEMENT, Amendment No. 1** re: Professional Services; Parent to Parent, People First and Community Information - Education Services; Jefferson County Public Health; ARC of Jefferson and Kitsap Counties
4. Letter of Support re: Farmland Preservation Strategic Planning Technical Assistance Grant; Washington State Office of Farmland Preservation; Washington State University Extension



5. Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated May 17, 2010 Totaling \$588,034.04
6. Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated May 20, 2010 Totaling \$90,546.49 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated May 20, 2010 Totaling \$16,441.23

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners reported as follows:

Commissioner Austin:

- An environmental health subcommittee meeting of the State Board of Health will be held this week to discuss water rules.
- The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe has expressed interest in being included in the interlocal agreement of the Regional Support Network (RSN). The Hoh Tribe is agreeable to Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's participation and Commissioners from the other participating counties are also in favor of it and see it as bringing some strength to the RSN.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Discussed the success of the Hood Canal Regional Septic Loan Program which provides low interest loans to residents in need of septic system repair or replacement to reduce the nitrogen input into Hood Canal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Sullivan noted that he was in attendance at the regular meeting of May 10, 2010, so the words "Excused Absence" in the signature block above his name need to be removed. Commissioner Austin moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2010 as corrected and to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 10, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Letter to the Washington State Department of Revenue in Support of the Removal of Creosote Pilings from Port Ludlow Bay: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve a letter to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in support of Port Ludlow Village Council's request for the removal of creosote pilings from Port Ludlow Bay. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Joint Economic Development Agreement; City of Port Townsend and Port of Townsend: County Administrator Philip Morley explained that the agreement between Jefferson County, the City of Port Townsend and the Port of Port Townsend is the culmination of a Memorandum of Understanding adopted in February to try to set the County, City and Port on a common pathway for improving our regional economy. He noted that Team Jefferson plays a critical role in providing outreach services to the business community.



Community Development Director Al Scalf explained that the economic future is unknown and the important issue is that we need economic development and jobs for our citizens. To that end, County, City and Port staff at all levels have worked to create a team approach in dealing with this issue. A joint agreement was drafted to continue with economic development. As part of the process a professional economist will be hired to provide guidance on global, regional and local economic trends. Other areas that will be reviewed as a basis for the vision of the future include: infrastructure, health care and education. The Board is being asked to approve the agreement which has previously been approved by the City and the Port.

After hearing brief comments from City Council Mayor Michelle Sandoval, Port Commissioner John Collins, and Team Jefferson Member Bill Wise, Commissioner Austin moved to approve the joint economic development agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Proposed Resolution to Add a Representative of the Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA) as a Voting Member to the Joint Growth Management Steering Committee: Director of Community Development Director Al Scalf explained that the proposed resolution was created to authorize the representation of the Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA) on the Joint Growth Management Steering Committee as outlined in the County-Wide Planning Policies. Additionally, the resolution formalizes the appointment process and establishes guidelines for committee membership criteria, selection, term length and removal.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 14-10** adding a representative of the Port Hadlock UGA as a voting member to the Joint Growth Management Steering Committee. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Proposed Ordinance Enacting a Six (6) Month Moratorium on New Mooring Buoys in Mystery Bay: Community Development Director Al Scalf stated that the Board is being requested to extend the moratorium on mooring buoys in Mystery Bay. The management plan has been completed and the stakeholder group, through the Office of Regulatory Assistance, is working on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be signed by all the stakeholders. Once the MOA is complete it will be brought back along with the management plan to the Board for consideration and approval. He noted that in view of the management plan, the State Department of Health was able to lift the conditional approval for shellfish harvesting.

Commissioner Austin moved to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 03-0524-10** enacting a moratorium on new mooring buoys in Mystery Bay. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote. A hearing on this matter will be scheduled within 60 days of adoption.



The Board met in Executive Session from 10:35 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with the County Administrator, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Community Development Director, Planning Manager and Associate Planner regarding potential litigation under exemption RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) as outlined in the Open Public Meetings Act. At the conclusion of the Executive Session the Board resumed the regular meeting and took the following action:

Commissioner Johnson moved to direct Department of Community Development (DCD) staff to schedule a meeting regarding Master Land Use Application #MLA10-110 with the property owner (Houston Chen), designer, project planner, DCD Administrator and representatives from Environmental Health and the building department to seek a resolution to the application. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board met in Executive Session from 11:39 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. with the County Administrator regarding personnel under exemption RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) as outlined in the Open Public Meetings Act. At the conclusion of the Executive Session the Board resumed the regular meeting and concurred to take action later this afternoon on possible appointments to the Board of Equalization.

The Board met from noon to 1:15 p.m. with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss updating the County's Strategic Plan and other County business.

Possible Appointments to the Board of Equalization: After discussing the required composition of the Board of Equalization, Commissioner Austin moved to readvertise for individuals interested in possible appointment to the Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Austin moved to appoint Sally Shumaker to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Equalization based on her qualifications, background and certifications. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Letter to Shorebank Enterprise Cascadia in Support of the Hood Canal Regional Septic Loan Program: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve a letter to Shorebank Enterprise Cascadia expressing the Board's support of their efforts to continue seeking state and federal funds for the Hood Canal Regional Septic Loan Program. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING SESSION: County Administrator Philip Morley reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

- Calendar Coordination
- Miscellaneous Topics



WORKSHOP re: Equestrian Events Center: The Board held a workshop with Public Works staff and representatives of the Jefferson Equestrian Association to review and discuss the proposed equestrian events center agreement.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Special Meeting
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Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Gardiner Community Center. Commissioner Phil Johnson and Commissioner John Austin were present as well as the following Jefferson County Elected Officials: Assessor Jack Westerman, Auditor Donna Eldridge, Treasurer Judi Morris, Superior Court Clerk Ruth Gordon and Sheriff Anthony Hernandez.

County Administrator Philip Morley served as meeting facilitator and welcomed everyone and introduced the elected officials. Each elected official then gave a brief overview of the services provided by their office. County Administrator Morley then reviewed the format for the participatory exercise.

The following questions and comments were submitted by the citizens and then grouped by category. Each question/comment was read aloud and a facilitated discussion was held on each category.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- "Where is our governance in Jefferson County today? Two of our elected Board of County Commissioners stated that they did not know what to do about the \$800,000 budget shortfall?"
- "All: Balancing a budget is a necessity, however, what are you all doing to fix the financial shortfall long term, not continuing to only put a band-aid on things?"
- "Watershed Stewardship Resource Center - John Austin: The County spent \$45,000 up front to halt a timber sale that would have brought in over \$150,000 and we still owe the Department of Natural Resources an exchange of comparable property. We're spending \$30,000 a year for a resource conservation consultant, \$10,000 a year for an economist to do the job Team Jefferson does. Now the Department of Community Development says the department can't do its job and the Board of County Commissioners is moving to spend another \$60,000 a year to assist funding a new department within the department. Please explain this budget philosophy."
- "Today there was a budget meeting for Jefferson County. Why was there no discussion on Economic Development as a budget solution?"
- "Economic Development - BOCC: Elaborate on the interlocal economic development agreement with the City of Port Townsend and the Port of Port Townsend. Why do you feel this is a major step forward for Jefferson County?"
- "What have you done to encourage home building in Jefferson County? We have 600 people in Real Estate and building trades that are unemployed."



- “Since voting to decommission Memorial Field the Board of County Commissioners has gone on a spending spree for consultants, created new parks and wants a new department in the Department of Community Development. Where is all this money coming from and what is happening with the field? Why not budget for its upkeep?”
- “1) What has “Team Jefferson” accomplished as the organization funded for economic development?; 2) Why are 3 government entities looking to fund a \$30,000 contract for economic development?”
- “Can the County afford the Watershed Stewardship Center?”
- “Why are we spending nearly a million dollars on a Watershed Resource Center for DCD when permits are down and the functions of the proposed center are readily available elsewhere? It seems like a colossal waste of inflationary funds (bail-out \$).”
- “Interested in Watershed Stewards Resource Center (WSRC). Is it an official government office? With a desperate economy, how do we “justify” the cost of a “duplicate” department? I have no more dollars to support it (No job). What “enforcement” ability? So how do I apply for a job at this WSRC?”

GENERAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- “How does the County plan to “reconcile” the differences in property values as a result of unfunded mandates that diminish property use and values?”
- “John Austin: What is being done to increase government accountability in Jefferson County?”
- “What is the number of County employees: 1) Today 2010; 2) 2008; 3) 2005?”
- “1) Why is the Department of Community Development and the Environmental Health Department so inefficient?; 2) Why is the Board of County Commissioners promoting more government bureaucracy in the Department of Community Development?”
- “Why does our government get involved in things like Broadband, WiFi, etc. Why not get back to basics - police/fire/schools/tax collection/water/sewer and get out of all of this other stuff?”
- “In the past, at the 9:00 a.m. Monday morning Commissioner meetings it was possible to ask a question, and to be provided an answer, (or to have someone get back to the person asking the question when the answer was available). What do we as citizens have to do to get you as Commissioners to return to the policy of actually answering questions in the public meetings? If you will not return to answering questions at the meetings, can the person asking a question expect an answer in writing? In what timeframe should a citizen expect an answer?”

LAND USE, PLANNING AND REGULATIONS

- “Many people in Jefferson County are interested in local food production, organic food, and “food security”. If we limit new construction to indoor water use only, how can we “grow” our local food industry? Where is BALANCE of priorities?”
- “The 150 foot setbacks can be legally challenged. Does the County pick up the tab to defend this?”
- “Why is it that Port Townsend, a fairly densely populated area, only requires a 50 foot buffer and the much less densely County requires a 150 foot buffer?”



- “To what extent have the insurance and mortgage problems associated with non-conforming been examined? Has the Real Estate requirement that non-conforming be disclosed to a potential buyer been explored? The term legal non-conforming or grandfathered puts a cloud on your title as that really says that eventually that building is going to have to disappear.”
- “If the County is short of income why are the County departments discouraging construction? Not only directly making it difficult with the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in the open with public input, but have the governor sign the 150 foot buffer in the wildlife act.”
- “Development Issues: On 4/29, the Department of Community Development and the County called a roundtable meeting with the “Development Community” - the predominant challenge voiced by the 20 or so professionals who spent their time was, 1) too much regulation; and 2) poor communication from the Department of Community Development. The members still await a follow-up meeting - promised in 30 days... What do you intend to do to follow-up on this interest/issue?”
- “We have the possibility of having a large trailer/camping facility located on Old Gardiner Road. How can it be allowed without making huge road improvements (septic, water are all concerns), plus unneeded congestion of people and traffic?”
- “Please tell me how long for a building permit from time received to time issued?”
- “I understand there has been interest expressed in developing an R.V. Park on Old Gardiner Road on property not zoned for commercial. The Gardiner community worked hard with the County to arrive at current zoning a number of years ago. Under what conditions would the County approve a variance to current zoning?”
- “Can an owner of an existing property that will become “non-conforming” apply for a building permit now, and have the permit approved, prior to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) going into effect?”
- “Is the idea of a “buffer zone” or “setback” a way for the County (and DOE) to attempt to control the type of landscaping that an owner of shoreline property can use? Do you as Commissioners think that such control constitutes a “taking” of property rights?”
- “If an existing owner of shoreline property were to do extensive clearing of their land, cut down trees, clear brush, cut down branches on their property for any reason prior to enactment of the proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP), does the County have any legal ability to stop such activity? Would this kind of activity be against any existing regulation?”
- “Is it true that the proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for Jefferson County would be retroactive to a date sometime in March of 2010? If so, how can the County enforce a retroactive date? Is the County doing this by not allowing “shoreline” building permits to be issued during the time period between submittal of the proposed SMP to the Department of Ecology (DOE) and whenever the SMP will become effective in its final form?”
- “At the conclusion of the SMP meeting held at Fort Worden on April 20th, it was clear that 80% to 90% of all comments from shoreline property owners were against the 150' setback. Are you as Commissioners willing to go back to DOE and revise the 150' setback to 50' as it currently has been approved for the City of Port Townsend?”
- “The Planning Commission after much public input and internal debate recommended that buffers be 50 feet. Why was this recommendation ignored? Under our present SMP 35 foot buffers are required. Is there any data that shows these buffers aren't adequate?”
- “This question is directed to Commissioner John Austin. It is our understanding that there was overwhelming agreement and support for a 50' setback from the shoreline, and that the County was



going to recommend a 50' setback to DOE. Why did you specifically push for a 150' setback and have it changed from 50' when the other two Commissioners were willing to accept the 50' limit? Secondly, and specifically, why did you push for this change?"

- "It is our understanding that there is scientific evidence to suggest that there is good reason to have a 50' setback (or buffer) from the shoreline, and maybe even some evidence supporting less disturbance and/or building should be done in the 51' to 100' area, which could be beneficial to the shoreline. It also has been scientifically shown that there seems to be little or no advantage to a setback or buffer beyond 100'. Why does the County want a 150' setback from the shoreline when the existing scientific evidence is not available to support such a setback?"

LAW AND JUSTICE

- "Sheriff: What is a reasonable response time for an emergency call?"

ROADS

- "What are the plans to improve highway 101 safety around Gardiner?"
- "What is the position of the 3 Commissioners on asking the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide a left turn lane at the Discovery Park?"

MISCELLANEOUS

- "Fire District No. 5 continues to impose legal road blocks to our Gardiner Salmon Derby. Could Jefferson County officials intervene with Fire District No. 5 or mediate on our behalf to immediately unblock and enable our salmon derby?"
- "To each Commissioner: How can you justify a "Climate Change" position in the County administration when human caused catastrophic global warming is not likely to be true?"
- "The current administration in D.C. has a program called the "Treasured Landscape Initiative (TLI)" under the auspices of the Department of the Interior. National Monument, National Historic Area, and many other programs are wrapped into the TLI. Do you support or oppose, and why? (Many of these federal designations have land and water use implications.)"
- "Commissioner Austin spoke of water resources. How do we justify water from the Quilcene sub-basin being used to irrigate the roundabout in Port Townsend? Particularly when we (County residents) have to use drought tolerant native plants and are subject to water restrictions."
- "To Philip: 1) How much is this meeting costing the County?; 2) Are the Commissioners paid to be here?"

County Administrator Morley wrapped up the exercise portion of the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

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NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

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